

# Major program set for detecting breast cancer

A contract has been signed between Oakland County government and the Michigan Cancer Foundation which will help the

county with its unprecedented breast cancer screening program. It was announced today by Oakland County Executive Dennis T. Murphy.

Murphy said the foundation is contributing \$50,000 of the \$115,000 budgeted for the program.

"This breast cancer screening program will be the first of its kind sponsored by a governmental unit," Murphy said. "The program is designed to screen up to 1,000 women per year for breast and cervical cancer."

"Our medical staff will use history, physical examination, thermography, stereography, and mammography to assist in the early detection of cancer. Follow through on all women found to have symp-

oms of cancer will be accomplished through the Michigan Cancer Foundation's network of diagnostic and treatment facilities."

Renovation of facilities at the South Oakland Office of the Health Division has begun and the program is expected to open its doors in October.

Murphy pointed out that breast cancer is the major cause of death due to cancer among women. More than 23,000 die annually in the United States of breast cancer and the mortality rate has not changed significantly in 40 years.

In Oakland County, about 140 women die yearly of this disease and about 300 new cases are diagnosed each year, Murphy said.

## Expanded program will be offered in gerontology

Madonna College of Livonia will expand its gerontology programs into a full department this fall.

Sister Colleen Morris, who developed many of the gerontology programs after joining the Madonna faculty in 1974, was named by Sister Mary Francine, Madonna president and chairman of the department.

"The study of gerontology, which has been a part of the sociology and social welfare department at Madonna, has previously been the province of the larger universities in Michigan," said Sister Colleen. "The well-known Institute of Gerontology of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University provide highly visible leadership in the field."

"Our program for gerontology professionals (there are now 73 majors in the department), as well as training programs for volunteers and paraprofessionals have grown steadily, however, and we are expanding to meet this need."

SEVERAL NEW and related programs have been added to the gerontology curriculum for the fall term, allowing students to earn a certificate of achievement, an associate or bachelor's degree.

To help bridge the gap between needs of the elderly and services presently rendered to them by various persons and agencies, Madonna will begin an interdisciplinary program introducing gerontology to all students.

Funded by a grant of \$88,000 from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare Office of Human Development, it will initially require study by all teacher education and social work students of a unit in gerontology.

Students in other major areas will also be encouraged to develop an awareness of needs of the elderly.

REPEATED and expanded for the fall term will be a free training program for paraprofessionals employed in nursing homes.

Forty students ranging in age from 18 to 36 were in such a program last year. They will stay on for an extension of the training and an additional forty-five paraprofessionals are being recruited to enroll in the skill assessment and development.

Another program in the fall term will provide tuition-free opportunities for deaf and hearing impaired persons 18 and older to enroll in enrichment classes.

Offered for two weeks beginning the week of Sept. 20, the free classes as Leadership Training, at Madonna, Arts and Crafts, at St. John's Center, Warren, and Creative Use of Leisure Time, at Detroit Hearing and Speech Center.

Sign language interpreters will be available for each location.

"SMALL COLLEGES recognize and value the leadership of larger institutions in new areas of study such as gerontology," said Sister Mary Francine. "but small colleges have the facility to adapt quickly to surging needs."

"Our long-established sociology, nursing, home economics and family life departments gave us a natural lead-in to this developing and expanding career field," she said. She cited a report by the Institute of Gerontology indicating a need for more than 21,000 workers with the elderly in the Detroit area alone.

The popular training program, Volunteers to Assist the Aging, which in two years has developed a new awareness and understanding of the aging in over 200 persons, will be repeated beginning in November, she said.

## These tips can help make camping fun

A camping trip can be an unforgettable experience for the entire family. Unforgettable as a relaxing back-to-nature vacation or unforgettable as a disastrous weekend in the wilderness.

Barbara Tichner, project manager in the loss control department of CNA Insurance, offers assurances that the good times can outweigh the mishaps if campers will observe simple health and safety rules.

Ms. Tichner, a veteran camper, offers the following suggestions as ways to lessen the risks of accidents during a camping trip.

• When pulling a utility or camping trailer, limit the load to one-half the car's weight to decrease the possibility of accidents or auto breakdown.

• Make a thorough check of all camping equipment to make sure it is in functioning order before you begin.

• Experienced campers might try a "shakedown" or dry run of campsite procedures before the first trip.

• Select a well-drained campsite with good circulation and a combination of sun and shade.

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